ment of Kerala under TRYSEM Scheme during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the above period in Kerala; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the allocation under this scheme during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) During 1989-90 and 1990-91 separate allocation were not being made for Recurring Expenses under TRYSEM. The expenditure on this account was being met from overall allocation for Integrated Rural Development Programme. The allocation under this head during 1991-92 from Central Government to Kerala was Rs. 84.90 lakhs. State Government has also to give additional equal share for the programme.

(b) The number of beneficiaries under the scheme during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto January, 1992) was 6113, 5657 and 5581 youth respectively.

(c) Allocation for eighth plan has not been finalised yet.

**Equity Shares to Eoreign Companies and Bighindustrial Houses**

5607. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revived any response vis-a-vis the policy to allow 24 per cent equity shares to foreign companies and big industrial houses in the small scale units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rationale being such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The details guidelines on Equity Participation by other industrial undertakings to the extent of 24% of total equity in the Small Scale Industrial Undertaking are being finalised and will be placed before the Parliament. The response can be assessed only after the implementation of the Policy.

(c) The rationale behind the Policy is to provide access the capital market and to encourage modernisation and technological upgradation. This would also provide a powerful boost to ancillarisation and subcontracting leading to expansion of employment opportunities.

**Small Scale Industries Development Centres**

5608. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up small scale industries development centres in the backward areas of the country during the Eight Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether such backward areas have been identified by the Government;

(c) if so, their number and the locations thereof;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any time bound programme to implement this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J.